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# Nixon Asks Hoover, Helms to Stay in Jobs

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NEW YORK, Dec. 16—President-elect Nixon announced today that he had asked two top security officers — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and CIA Director Richard M. Helms—to continue in their present posts for an indefinite period.

It was learned that the President-elect also has made a decision regarding the man who will be his ambassador to the United Nations and that a decision will be announced shortly, perhaps Tuesday. It was reliably reported that Senator Shriver, ambassador to France and a Democrat, had agreed to accept the assignment.

[In Washington, a close friend said that Shriver's major concern about the appointment had been the approval of Democratic Party leaders.

[Shriver last week sought the advice of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Sen. J. William Fulbright, (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Me.), and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.).

[None of them indicated opposition to Shriver's acceptance of the U.N. post, the sources said.

[Shriver wanted to be sure that the leaders of his party felt it would be in the interest of the party as well as the Nation for him to take the job," the friend said. "If it is to be a bipartisan arrangement," he added, "Shriver wanted to be sure it would really have bipartisan approval."

Nixon will visit the United Nations Tuesday afternoon to pay a courtesy call on Secretary General U Thant and to establish communications with the U.N., spokesman Ron Ziegler announced today after Nixon returned from his visit with Republican Congressional leaders in Washington.

A full schedule was announced for Tuesday. In addition to the U.N. visit, the President-elect will confer with Senator-elect Barry Goldwater for the first time since the election.

Nixon also will confer with lame duck Gov. Tim Babcock of Montana, Gov. George Romney of Michigan, who will be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Nixon cabinet; General Electric president Fred Borch; and Herbert Stein of the Brookings Institution and chairman of the Nixon Task Force on Fiscal Policy.

The reappointment of Hoover, the only director the FBI has ever had, came as no surprise, but there had been a question whether Nixon would reappoint Helms.

Hoover, who will be 74 on Jan. 1, has passed the mandatory retirement age but will be kept on by a special presidential exemption. He has been director since the Bureau was established in 1924 and has worked in the Justice Department since 1917. He is a District native.

Ziegler announced that the President-elect asked Hoover "to continue his distinguished service." Asked if there was a limit to the reappointments, Ziegler said there was not.

Both Hoover and Helms went to New York at different times recently to confer with the President-elect. The President-elect also talked to them since their visits by telephone, Ziegler said.

Helms, a native of St. Davids, Pa., will be 56 in March. He has been in the CIA since 1947. He was deputy director in 1965 and 1966 and has been director since 1966.

One of the first announcements President-elect John F. Kennedy made after his election in 1960 was of his intention to retain Hoover

and Allen W. Dulles, then CIA director.

While in Washington, Nixon spent 45 minutes with former President Eisenhower at Walter Reed Army Hospital. The President-elect said they conferred on foreign and defense matters and also on appointments to the sub-cabinet.

Nixon described the visit as the longest he has had with the General since the election, and an indication of his improved condition.

As previously announced, Nixon will meet here Tuesday with the Amir of Kuwait, who paid an official visit to President Johnson in Washington last week.

Nixon will be accompanied on his U.N. visit by Secretary of State-designate William P. Rogers; Henry A. Kissinger, who is slated to be special assistant to the President for national security affairs; Robert D. Murphy, the President-elect's

liaison officer with the State Department; and U.N. Ambassador J. R. Wiggins.

Ziegler said that Thant would hold a small informal reception in his suite. The President-elect asked for the appointment, Ziegler said.